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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S MEETING WITH
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA - PART II

1. SUMMARY. AFTERNOON CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN NEWSOM AND ALLARA DEMONSTRATED THAT U.S. AND ARGENTINE DIFFERENCES ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS REMAIN UNRESOLVED. ARGENTINES COMMENTED AT END OF MEETING THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR TO THEM THAT USG DOES NOT BELIEVE GOA ASSURANCE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. LATE IN AFTERNOON, ARGENTINES DROPPED REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, ARA DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL PARTICIPATED IN JUNE 23 AFTERNOON CONVERSATION AT OAS. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA, AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL, AND ARLIA AND ESPECHE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WERE PRESENT ON THE ARGENTINE SIDE.

3. NEWSOM EXPLAINED TO GOA THAT ONCE WE HAVE RESULTS OF IAHRC DISCUSSIONS, WE WILL FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

EXIMBANK CASES OF BOEING AND ALLIS CHALMERS. A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS.

4. ALLARA COMPLAINED THAT EXECUTIVE WAS APPLYING SANCTIONS THAT HAD NOT YET BEEN ENACTED INTO LAW.

5. MR. BUSHNELL NOTED THAT PRESENT LEGISLATION REQUIRES EXIMBANK TO CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN COUNTRIES TO WHICH LOANS ARE MADE. HE NOTED NEW HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS.

6. THERE WAS DISCUSSION WHETHER USG POLICY HAD CHANGED SINCE NEWSOM VISIT, LEADING LATTER TO REVIEW PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION. NEWSOM NOTED THAT ONLY NEW POSITIVE ELEMENT HE COULD POINT TO AFTER VISIT WAS IAHRM INVITATION.

7. THE STATE OF ARGENTINA'S INVITATION TO THE IAHRM WAS REVIEWED, AND WHETHER ARGENTINA DID NOT LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS BY ISSUING AN INVITATION. MR. NEWSOM OBSERVED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT WHETHER THE IAHRM ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OR NOT.

8. ALLARA COMMENTED THAT DURING THE SEPTEMBER 1977 MEETING
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BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND VIDELA, THE U.S. ASKED FOR THREE OR FOUR SPECIFIC ACTIONS: RATIFICATION OF TLATELOLCO, PRISONER RELEASES BEFORE DECEMBER 1977 AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DEUTSCH AND TIMERMEN CASES. NOW, ALLARA STATED, THERE ARE OTHER CONDITIONS. EXIMBANK IS BEING TREATED LIKE MILITARY SALES. WAS THIS THE SITUATION THAT EXISTED BEFORE NEWSOM'S TRIP?

9. NEWSOM SAID THAT HE HAD SOUGHT A NEW CHAPTER IN RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT DISAPPEARANCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE CARTER/VIDELA MEETING HAD SET BACK U.S. EFFORTS. MR. NEWSOM REITERATED HIS HOPE FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE IAHRM.

10. ARLIA COMPLAINED THAT THE TREND TOWARD NORMALIZATION WAS SO OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE NO SIGN OF RECOGNITION OF THIS TREND FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT NO MATTER WHAT ARGENTINA DOES, NO CHANGE IS SEEN IN USG ATTITUDE.

11. NEWSOM ONCE AGAIN NOTED IMPORTANCE WE ATTRIBUTE TO PRISONER RELEASES, AND THE PROVIDING OF INFORMATION

TO THE FAMILIES OF DISAPPEARED.

12. ARGENTINES SAID MEETING WAS USEFUL AND USG POSITION UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY. IT SEEMED THAT USG DID NOT BELIEVE GOA ASSURANCES REGARDING CHANGES IN ARGENTINE SITUATION.

,3. AFTER MEETING, ARGENTINE EMBASSY ADVISED ARA/ECA THAT NEWSOM DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN ANALYZED AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES WITHDREW HIS REQUEST TO MEET WITH OTHERS AT THIS TIME, AND WILL AWAIT A FUTURE OPPORTUNITY. VANCE

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